

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Rees' Office

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Bohemia Avenue between Reed Store and Rees' house

CITY, TOWN

Chesapeake City

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

— DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

— STRUCTURE

— SITE

— OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

— PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

— BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

— IN PROCESS

— BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

— OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

— WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

— YES: RESTRICTED

— YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

#### PRESENT USE

— AGRICULTURE

— COMMERCIAL

— EDUCATIONAL

— ENTERTAINMENT

— GOVERNMENT

— INDUSTRIAL

— MILITARY

— MUSEUM

— PARK

— PRIVATE RESIDENCE

— RELIGIOUS

— SCIENTIFIC

— TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

F. Budd Hineline, Jr. et.al.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 319

CITY, TOWN

Cherry Hill

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

New Jersey 08002

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Cecil County Courthouse  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: WAS No. 328

Folio #: 355

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Building

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21921

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Cecil County Survey

DATE

1967-68

— FEDERAL ☒ STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The only existing 19th century private office in Chesapeake City is located between the Rees' House and the Reed Store. It was used as an insurance office.

It is a small square structure with low-pitch tin roof having a leanto porch on its west facade, with window and door beyond. The framed walls are filled with brick nogging and covered with tapered weatherboard. The windows have 2/2 sash and paneled shutters. A brick flue within the structure adjoins the east window. The porch is supported on two champhered posts and there are brackets. The ends of the rafters extend over the plate and are rounded.

From the chipping paint, which now consists of tan body and dark brown trim, it appears to have had a light green body and dark green trim and shutters.

The inside retains some oak wainscot and original oak trim.

The building restored would be a good element in the street scape.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecturally the Rees' office is important to the town because of the variety it produces in the second block of Bohemia Avenue. It is a good example of the type structure being built primarily for an office in the late 19th century, a type which is exemplified on "Lawyers Row", Chestertown, Maryland.

The building is also important as the office of Henry Brady, the owner of a fleet of tug boats which were essential to the operation of the Canal. Brady was the owner and builder of the great dwelling adjacent the store.

After Brady died, the office was used by Ralph Ree's as an insurance office.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

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COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael Bourne &amp; Katherine Wein

April 19, 1976

ORGANIZATION

DATE

South Chesapeake City Historic District Commission

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

c/o Town Council of Chesapeake City

(301) 885-5298

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STATE

Chesapeake City

Maryland 21915

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HISTORIC

Ree's Store

AND/OR COMMON

Chesapeake Bargain House, Mrs. Sharpless' Junk Shop

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STREET & NUMBER

Bohemia Avenue, north east corner 2nd Street

CITY, TOWN

Chesapeake City

— VICINITY OF

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On the corner of Bohemia and Second Street is a large store building constructed around 1914 by Ralph Rees. Like many of the early twentieth century commercial front buildings, only the facade rises two storys. The entire facade is covered with pressed tin. The corners rise in pilasters to a cornice at second floor level. Above the cornice the tin is in imitation of rough concrete block. A double window lights the attic. There is an additional cornice with typical brackets at the corner upon which stand tin finials with shell pattern. Beneath the cornice is a freize of panels. On the long sides of the first story 'A' roof structure are panels of pressed tin in imitation of brick. The roof is covered with corrugated tin and painted black.

Originally there appears to have been a recessed entrance door, set within the building from the face of the wall. The entire interior ceiling is covered with decorative pressed tin panels.

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Little growth after 1900 in Chesapeake City has given us few buildings of 20th century date. The Rees' store is significant primarily as a commercial structure and secondarily as of architectural interest due to its pressed tin false facade. Only the Bouchelle store in the next block possesses a tin facade similar to the Rees' store.

This building was once an agency for Oakland cars. The corner location made it ideal for a garage and car dealership. Mr. Rees, who had his hardware store on the ground floor on Bohemia Avenue and his garage on the Second Street side, moved his business here from the Conrey Building, now Franklin Hall, when the rent went to \$200.00 a year. Rather than meet this outrageous expense, he built a new store on the corner of his lot and set up his business at the new location. After Mr. Rees went out of business, the store was used as an American Store. The building is now used as a second hand shop.

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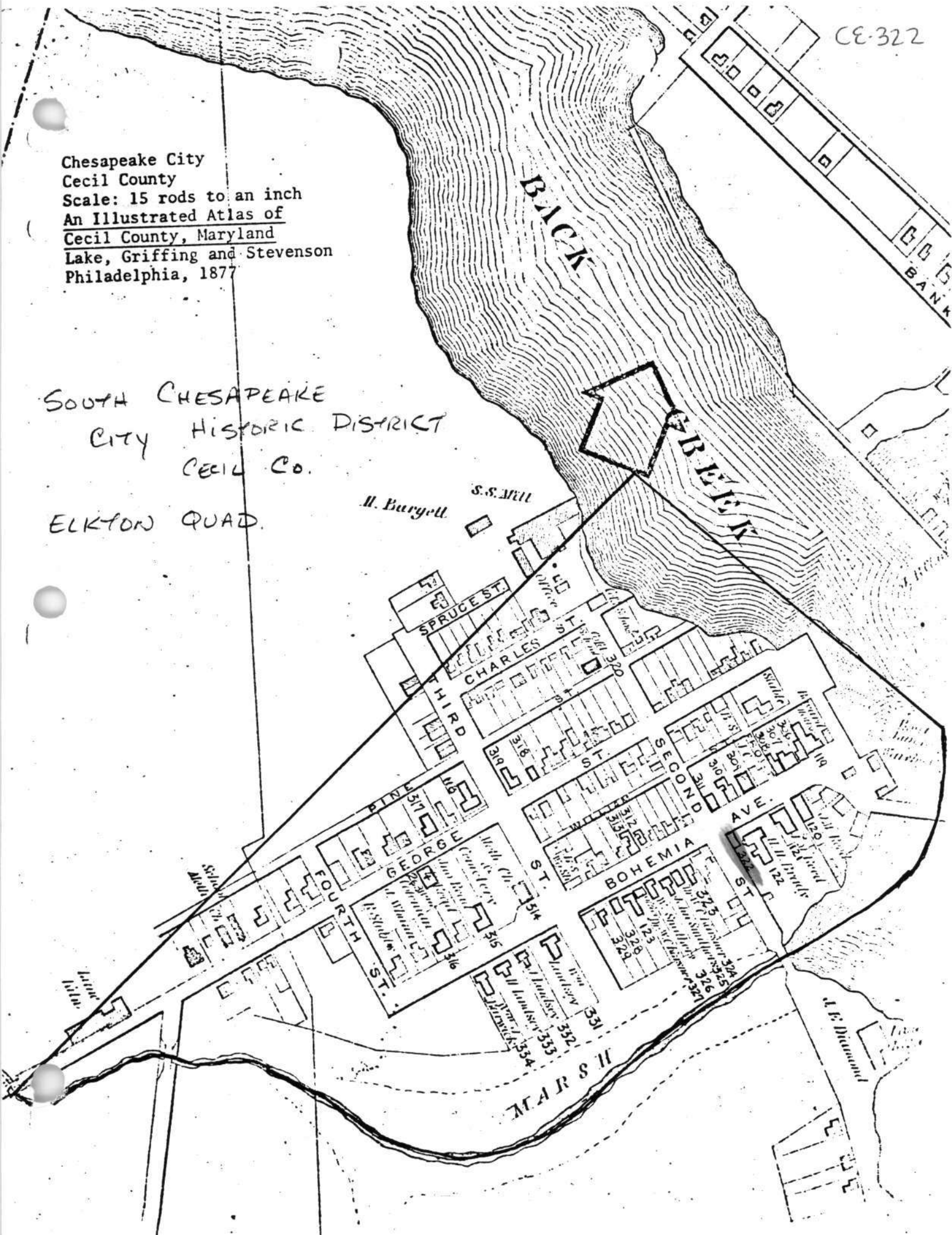
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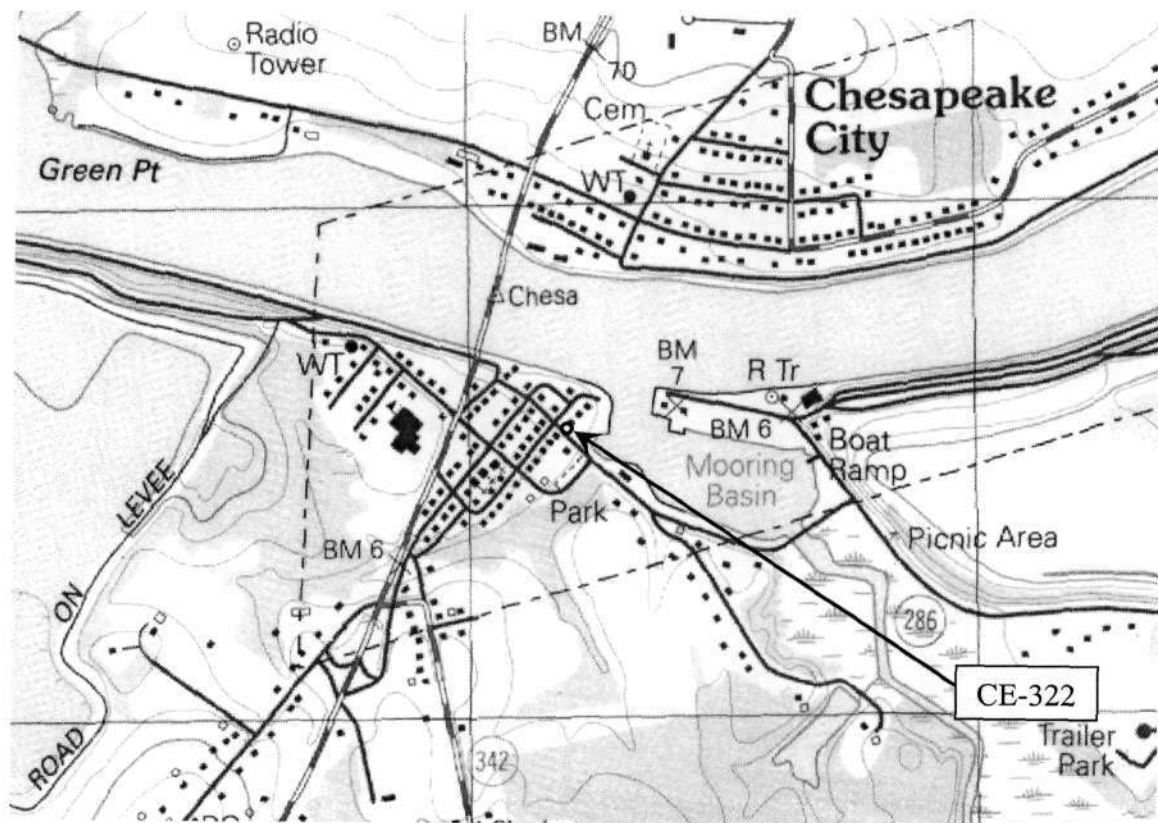


Chesapeake City  
 Cecil County  
 Scale: 15 rods to an inch  
An Illustrated Atlas of  
Cecil County, Maryland  
 Lake, Griffing and Stevenson  
 Philadelphia, 1877

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 CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT  
 CECIL CO.  
 ELKTON QUAD.



CE-322  
Rees' Office House  
Bohemia Ave.  
Chesapeake City  
Elkton Quad.  
Cecil County





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CE 322

South Chesapeake City

Rees' store H2 7/73

Moulded iron decoration



CE 322

South Chesapeake City

Rees' store

He 7/73



CE-322 Rees Store, S. Ches. City

RJB 2/18/95

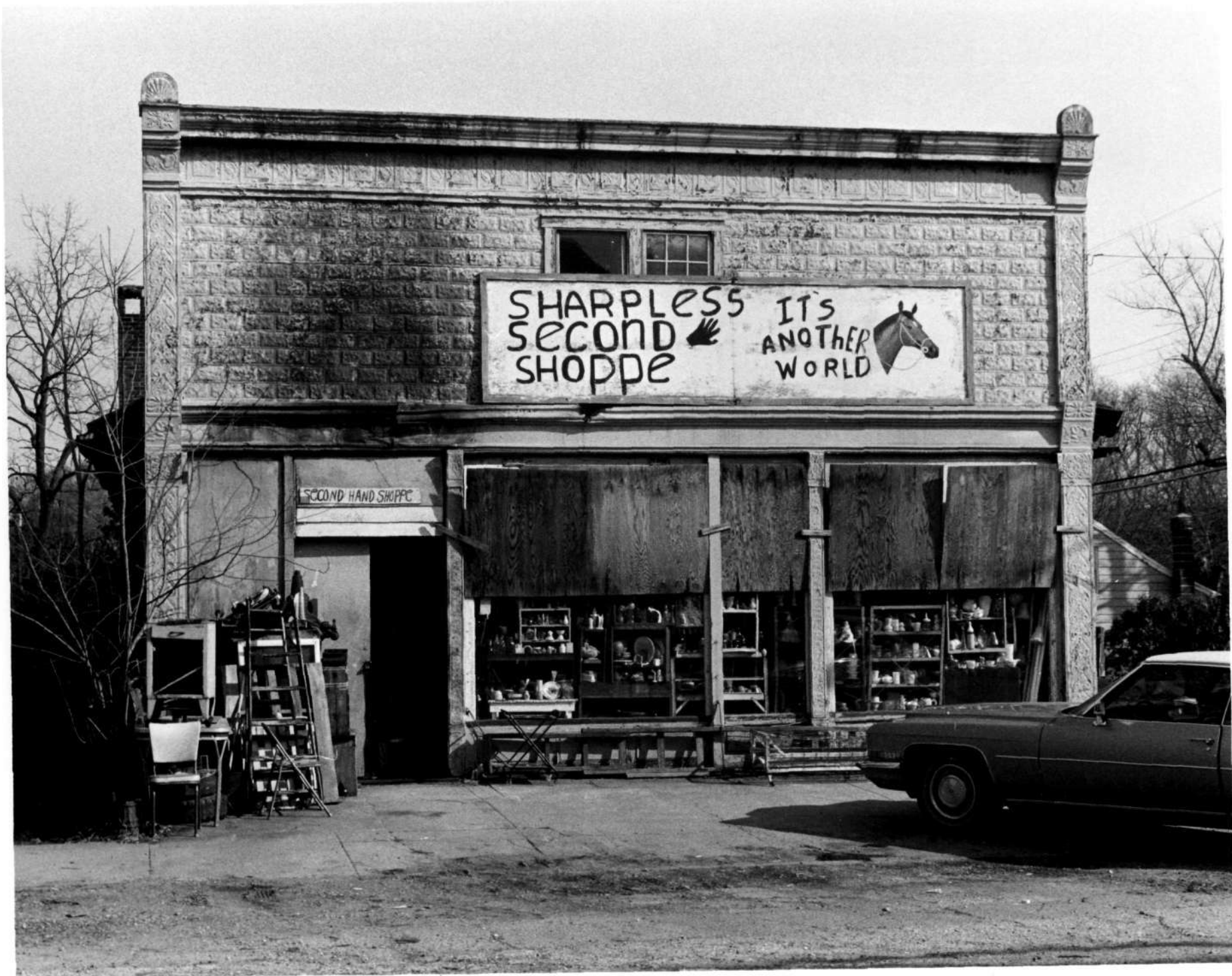




Rees Office CE-322

S.W. Conner

M. Bournie April 1976



Reas Store C.E. 322

West facade

M. Bourne April 1976